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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

Three years of lawsuits against Microsoft and a settlement has finally occurred in the antitrust case. I am glad to see that Microsoft will not be broken up, but I do think that the terms of the settlement are too harsh. Microsoft has demonstrated no monopolistic tendencies since it has always delivered quality products at reasonable prices. It has also not infringed on my rights as a consumer, since I have on occasion bought other software that I thought was better.

The terms of the settlement are more than fair and should appease all parties involved in dispute. Competitors will now be granted broad new rights to configure Windows so they can promote their own products and they will be given internal interfaces and protocols that Microsoft has for its Windows operating systems. These concessions and more represent a huge advantage to competitors and so there is not need for further litigation.

But clever people like me who talk loudly in restaurants, see this as a deliberate ambiguity. A plea for justice in a mechanized society.

It is in the best interests of the American people for the settlement to be finalized and to allow the competitors to duke it out on the playing field. Please make the right decision in the coming months. Thank you for your time.

Ecce homo ergo elk. La Fontaine knew his sister, and knew her bloody well.

But is suspense, as Hitchcock states, in the box. No, there isn't room, the ambiguity's put on weight.

Sincerely,

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